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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTOR, 121, Holborn Hill, E.C. BAYES HENDY & Co., 4 Old Jewry, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTOR, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San Francisco.

CHINA.—Swallow, Down & Co., Amoy, Quana & Co., Foochow, Thompson & Co., Shanghai, H. Fogg & Co., Manila, O. K. Burt & Co.

Arrivals.

Oct. 24, Bessie Seagirt, Brit. brig, 131, Chestham, Nagasaki, Oct. 15, General. Oct. 25, Villa de Rivadavia, Span. brig, 261, Castille, Manila, Oct. 17, General. REMOROS & Co.

Oct. 25, Soon Hong, Brit. schooner, 192, Wilder, Newchwang, Oct. 14, 4000 piculs Pass.—Wm. POSTAU & Co.

Oct. 26, Duplex, French steamer, 960, Noel, Shanghai, Oct. 22, General.—Messrs. IMPERIAL.

Oct. 26, Paragon, Siamese ship, 735, Wickers, Newchwang, Oct. 14, General.—Chinese.

Departures.

Oct. 26, Shaftebury, for Whampoa. 26, Australia, for Manila.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.—Per Villa de Rivadavia, Mr Workman.

Per Paragon, 19 Chinese.

Per Duplex, Messrs Young, Paillet, Taminier, Olivier, Gicquel des Touches, Deschamps, Le Baron Briz, Dell'oro, Gibella, Reboul, Prevost, Mathor, Biani, Fondas, Chippello, Frigario, Joss, Chasat, Bernard, Loyer, Mrs Van der Woot, Mrs Van der Polder, Messrs Pratto, Ouelin, Elzere, Vaschale, Mutti, Pugno, Duina, Gattoni, Champetier, Rossin, Ouly, Izard, Bonnat, Michel, Palette, Ygre, Mennet, Guig, Bertone, Briangor, Bourbon, Lyon, and servant, Orpensor, Rieu, Riviere, John Groth, and Martin.

Shipping Reports.

The French steamer Duplex reports:—Left Yokohama Oct. 17th at 6 a.m., thence to Shanghai had light Northerly winds and fine weather; arrived at Shanghai Oct. 21st at 2.30 p.m. Oct. 22nd at 2.30 p.m., left Shanghai; 6 p.m. anchored in the river; 23rd at daylight, proceeded, passed light ship at 7.15 a.m.; had strong N.E. gale and dark cloudy weather with rain to Oahu Island, thence moderate breeze from N.E. and cloud. Arrived at Hongkong, Oct. 26th at 9 a.m. On the 17th instant, saw American ship N. B. Palmer, French corvette Duplex, and English steamer Columbia, bound into Yokohama; 23rd, outside light-ship, English barque Newcastle, bound to Shanghai; 25th, off Cape of Good Hope, saw English Mail, bound North.

The Siamese ship Paragon, from Newchwang, reports the first part of passage fine weather and strong Northerly wind as far as Shanghai; thence had steady N.E. monsoon and rain till arrival in port.

The British brig Bessie Seagirt, reports: first part moderate N.E. monsoon and dark gloomy weather; 23rd and 24th strong Easterly gale, with high sea, heavy rain and thick weather. On the 19th passed P. M. S. S. China.

New Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI
The Steamer
"ERL KING"
will be despatched for the above Port at 2 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, October 26, 1868. cc27

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.
The Company's steamer
"PHASE."
Captain Noel, will be dispatched for Shanghai and Yokohama, shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent,
Hongkong, October 26, 1868.

REUTER'S TELEGRAM COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that Mr GEORGE TWIGGS MARSON has this day been appointed special Agent of the above Company at Point de Galle, Ceylon, to whom all communications must in future be addressed.

HENRY M. COLLINS,
Manager,
Indian Branch,
Bombay, September 1, 1868. not

NOTICE.
DOCUMENTS Translated, at reasonable rates, from English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or German into Chinese, or from Chinese into English. Address,
The "China Mail" Office,
2, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.
THE Buildings known as
DEW AND COMPANY'S
HONGKONG PRAYA PROPERTY,
will be sold by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
FRIDAY,
the 20th November, 1868, at 3 p.m.,
on the Ground.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, October 26, 1868. cc20

SEATED TENDERS (in Duplicate)
marked "Tenders for Bills" will be received at this Office until Noon on FRIDAY, the 30th inst., for Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; or on the Governor General of India in Council, Calcutta, both at 30 days' sight, in exchange for current Dollars of Hongkong at 7.1.7, or clean Mexican Dollars counted.

Bills on London will not be drawn for sums under £1,000, and on Calcutta under Rupees 10,000.

The accepted Tenders will be at once notified to the respective parties by letter, requesting them to lodge the amount to the credit of the Commission Account at the Oriental Bank Corporation, where a receipt will be given, on production of which at this office the Bills will be issued.

In order to save time, it is requested that the sets of Bills required may be detailed in the margin of the Tender, and it is particularly requested that the Tenders may be in duplicate.

REDMOND UNIAOKE,
Dep. Commis. Gen.
Controller's Office, Commissariat, China,
Hongkong, October 24, 1868. cc30

SEATED TENDERS (in Duplicate)
marked "Tenders for New Barracks" will be received at this Office up to Noon on the 30th October, 1868, from persons desirous of contracting for the said Work.

Plans, specifications, terms and conditions of Contract can be seen, and all further information obtained at the Office of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Commissariat Buildings, Queen's Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily (Sundays excepted).

No Tender will be recognized unless the party making it shall previously register his name in the Royal Engineer Office, where proper forms for tendering upon may be obtained.

Payment will be made periodically as the work progresses, in the current dollars of Hongkong, under the terms and conditions of Contract before referred to.

Two Sureties will be required for the due and proper fulfilment of any Contract which may be entered into.

The right of rejecting the whole or any particular Tender is reserved.

REDMOND UNIAOKE,
Dep. Commis. Gen.
Controller's Office, Commissariat,
Hongkong, October 22, 1868. cc30

H. M. NAVAL YARD.
TENDERS will be received by the Undersigned till Noon on SATURDAY, the 31st instant, for the construction of a Granite Foundation for a Pylon and Steamers Mooring in the Naval Yard, where the plan and specification may be seen and the necessary particulars obtained.

ALF. H. PRICE,
Naval Storekeeper,
Hongkong, October 26, 1868. cc31

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 118.
TENDERS for the supply of Provisions and other Articles required for the use of Victoria Gaol, from the 21st November, 1868, to the 20th November, 1869, inclusive, will be received at this Office until Noon of the 10th NOVEMBER, 1868.

All information required, and Blank forms of Tender may be obtained on application to the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol.

Tenders to be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and endorsed "Tender for Gaol Contract, 1868."

By Command,
J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, October 23, 1868. no10

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership lately subsisting between us, the Undersigned HUGH McDUGALL, SAMUEL SEZEXLEY and JAMES HENDERSON, carrying on business as Engineers and Machinists under the Style or Firm of McDUGALL and COMPANY is this day dissolved by lapse of time.

SAMUEL SEZEXLEY will sign the Firm in liquidation from this date.

HUGH McDUGALL,
By his Attorney S. SEZEXLEY,
JAMES HENDERSON,
Hongkong, October 10, 1868. 1-a-w. del

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned will not be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers and Crew of the Dutch barque "Pantalon."
(Signed) F. VAN DER TAS,
Master,
Hongkong, October 19, 1868.

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.
ENDERS are invited for the Surplus TAB produced at the Works of the above for a period of 6 months, commencing from the 1st day of November next. The quantity produced is about 2500 gallons per month.

Tenders will be received until the 28th instant, by the Undersigned, from whom all further information may be obtained.

The right to reject the highest or any tender is reserved.

Gas Works,
Hongkong, October 7, 1868. cc28

NOTICE.
All Persons having claims against the Estate of the late firm of DENT & Co., are requested to furnish particulars of the same to the Trustees, addressed to the care of Mr E. WHEATLEY, Hongkong, on or before the 30th November, 1868, in order to participate in the first Dividend.

A. TURING, Trustee of Dent & Co. Estate.
W. LEMANN, Co's Estate.
Hongkong, September 18, 1868. no30

FOR SALE AT EAST POINT.
A complete assortment of Lowmoor and Thornycroft PLATE, and Sheet IRON, BAR, ROD, ANGLE IRON and RIVETS, Double Shear, Spring and Blister STEEL, in round, square and flat bars. Babcock METAL ROD and PIPES. GAS FITTINGS of every description. BOLTER TUBES, Pressure GAUGES, FILES, PACKING and all kinds of Engineer's Supplies.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, September 1, 1868. mar10

NOTICE.
THE Office of the WANCHI STEAM BAKERY is REMOVED to the Store of Messrs MACLEOD & Co., where all orders addressed to WANCHI STEAM BAKERY will receive prompt attention. Fancy BISCUITS and CAKES constantly on hand.

L. P. WARD, Proprietor.
Hongkong, September 3, 1868. cc3

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. MELISH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, Arbuthnot Road, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 4th November, 1868, at Noon.

The whole of his Elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—Drawing Room, Dining Room, and Bed Room Suites, richly-carved Marble Top Tables and Tea-Poy, Carpets, Engravings, Hinges, Glass Flower Stands, Glassware, Dinner and Dessert Sets, Electro-plated and Silver-ware, Chandeliers, etc., etc.

A magnificent PIANOFORTE, by Collard and Collard, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Sejan Chairs, a quantity of Choice Plants, etc., etc.

On view from Monday, 2nd November.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, October 24, 1868. 4no

PUBLIC AUCTION.
GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,
the 27th instant, at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road Central.

An Invoice of Cutlery, comprising Ivory Handled Balance, Table and Dessert Knives and Carvers, Butchers' Knives, and Sailors' sheath Knives, Bowie Knives in leather sheaths, pen and pocket Knives assorted qualities, from 2 to 6 blades, ivory pencil Knives, Sardinian openers, silver Pencils, fruit Knives, etc., etc.

An Invoice of Tooth and Nail Brushes, Cloth and Shoe Brushes, stained and vulcanized dressing Combs, spring Tapes, Letter cases, Ladies' Companions, Tea and Call-bells, Opera Glasses, Telescopes, gilt Mirrors, Foot-rules—Dressing cases, silver Toothpicks, etc., etc., 200 doz. assorted qualities Brar Pipes, 10 doz. Silk Umbrellas, 10 pieces fancy Tweeds, 10 pieces all wool fancy Coatings, 4 pieces Whetnys, 10 pieces white and colored Flannels, 100 boxes stearine Candles, 250 doz. transparent toilet Soaps, assorted sizes, 100 kegs RFF Gunpowder, each 20 lb., 20 Lefschueux Revolver and Ammunition, 25 bags sporting Shot, 5 cases leaf Sugar, 10 cases Eng. Splitpeas, 50 cases Old Tom, 75 cases Gin, large bottles, 30 cases India Pale Ale, qts. 40 cases Champagne.

Also 30 drums Paint-ol, 80 drums black Paint, 90 coils Manila Rope, assorted sizes, and a variety of other Goods.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

Hongkong, October 24, 1868. cc27

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Trustees of DENT & Co.'s Estate, to sell by Public Auction (if not previously disposed of by private sale), on

FRIDAY,

20th November, 1868, at 3 p.m., on the ground.

ONE DWELLING HOUSE in the Eastern Wing, containing 5 Rooms on the 1st Floor and 8 Rooms on the 2nd Floor, with Bath Rooms, Kitchens, Out Offices, &c., &c. with Gas and Water laid on, and a Godown below, capable of holding about 2,000 Tons.

The Centre BUILDING known as DENT & Co.'s Office, containing 8 Rooms, Comptroller's Quarters, Spectacles, Fire-proof Treasury and Godown, capable of holding about 1,000 Tons.

One DWELLING HOUSE in the Western Wing, containing 6 Rooms on the 1st Floor and 6 Rooms on the 2nd Floor, with Bath Rooms, Kitchens, Out Offices, &c., &c. with Gas and Water laid on, and a Godown below of about 2,000 Tons capacity.

These Buildings have only been erected two years and are built of Granite and Brick, the woodwork being Teak throughout.

The whole of this Property to be sold either in one or more lots to suit purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, one third 2 months after sale, and the balance 4 months after sale, in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. Transfer expenses to be borne by the purchasers.

For further particulars or details of plans, apply to

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
Hongkong, October 16, 1868. nov20

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—GEORGE JOHN HELLAND, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—GEO. F. HEARD, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq. JAMES B. TAYLOR, Esq.
SOLOMON D. SASSOON, Esq.
JACOB J. JOOST, Esq.
WILLIAM LEMANN, Esq. P. DUNCANSON, Esq.
JULIUS MENKE, Esq. RICHARD ROWETT, Esq.
AND
E. R. BELLING, Esq.

Managers.
Hongkong. . . VICTOR KRESSER, Esq.
Shanghai. . . DAVID MACLEOD, Esq.
London Bankers.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " " " "
" 12 " 4 " " " "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted, on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, June 17, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having PURCHASED the interest of the "WANCHI STEAM BAKERY," begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and Ship Masters that he is prepared to furnish Daily Supplies of Soft BREAD in various forms, to any part of the Colony.

Also Ship BREAD of best quality and at low rates constantly on hand or baked in quantities at short notice.

Also Water, Butter, Soda and Sugar BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound.

Also Corn and Rye MEAL, HOMINY, CORN STARCH, BIOARB. SODA, Saleratus and Cream TARTAR.

FLOUR of best Brands constantly on hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or Pound.

CAKE of all kinds baked to order.

The above is under the Superintendence of Mr JONATHAN PAKISAW, and all orders forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at Messrs MACLEOD & Co.'s will receive prompt attention.

L. P. WARD,
Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

Shipping.

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Marseilles, and Southampton.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "HABE," Captain BARLOW, will leave for the above places, on TUESDAY, 27th November, at 9 a.m.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon, on the 2nd, and SPECIE until 4 p.m. on the 2nd November and PARCELS until Noon on the 2nd.

For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

W. MACAULAY, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, October 26, 1868. no3

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH U.S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK. TEAMERS of this line will be despatched as follows:—

Great Republic,	on or about Aug. 15.
Japan,	" Sept. 15.
China,	" Oct. 15.
Great Republic,	" Nov. 15.
Japan,	" Dec. 15.

Costa Rica will leave Shanghai on or about same dates, connecting at Yokohama with above-named steamers.

Passengers ticketed through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, the Atlantic States, and to England or France, both via New York and by lines from Panama and Aspinwall.

Return tickets issued at a reduction of 10% upon the whole amount for the round voyage.

Connections are made at Panama with Steam Lines upon the West Coast of Central and South America, at Aspinwall with the "Royal West India Mail Line," "West India and Pacific Steam-ship Company," (Limited) and the "French Transatlantic Company." And, at New York, with the various lines to Europe. Tickets issued for the following Steam-ship Lines: Cunard, Inman, National, General Transatlantic Co., New York and Havre Steamship Co., Hamburg and American Packet Co., New York and Bremen Steam-ship Co., and North German Lloyd.

Favorable arrangements have been made for through passengers and freight to America, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore, and from Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

Through Bills of Lading given for Ports of Mexico and on the West Coast of Central and South America to as far as Valparaiso, to New York, Liverpool, Southampton and St. Nazaire, France.

Freight to United States payable in advance in Mexican Dollars, or on delivery in American Gold Coin with 8 per cent additional, at shipper's option.

For further information, apply at the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, July 15, 1868.

Shipping.

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEFOO AND TIENTSIN.

The Steamship
"YESSO,"
Capt. ASHTON, will have immediate despatch for the above ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, October 17, 1868.

The Diamond Line S. S.
"UNITED SERVICE,"
expected to arrive from England, and before the end of the month, will proceed immediately to Shanghai.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE BORNEO CO. LIMITED.
Hongkong, October 16, 1868.

STEAM TO
SWATOW, AMOY, L'FOOCHOW.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"AZOP,"
will leave for the above places, on Wednesday, 28th October, at Noon.

W. MACAULAY,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, October 24, 1868. cc28

Shipping.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 21 American barque
"STERLING"
(BUILT IN 1866.)
of 468 Tons Register, Harbinger Master, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will load here, and at Whampoa, and have early despatch for the above port.

For Freight, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, October 26, 1868.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The first class Dutch schooner,
"GESLENA,"
Capt. OEDERMAN, having the greater portion of the cargo on board, will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
WM. POSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, October 16, 1868. tf

FOR NAGASAKI DIRECT.
The A. I. N. G. barque,
"CATHARIN & JUR-
GENSSEN,"
Captain PATRICKSON, will have early despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, October 2, 1868. tf

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The North German Ship
"SCHILLER,"
will load for the above Port and have despatch.

For Freight, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, October 13, 1868. no24

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The British ship
"DOUGLASS,"
640 Tons Register, MORRISON, Master, will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BOSSMAN & Co.
Hongkong, September 24, 1868. td

FOR SALE.
The A. I. North German Brig
"GAZELLE"
of 196 Tons Register, built in 1865 all of oak, copper-fastened and coppered. She ranges 3/8 L.L.I. in Veritas until May 1873. The vessel is in first rate order.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
We have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUNDE to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm for procurement, at Poochow from this date.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD PARKER & Co.
GIFFORD PARKER & Co.
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
UNTZ'S Yellow METAL, 20/28 oz. and NAILS.

FOR SALE.
Vivian's Patent Yellow METAL Keel PLATES, 12lbs. and 18lb. with NAILS. Apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, June 14, 1867.

FOR SALE.
THE following WINES, &c., of superior quality in lots to suit purchasers:—
Eugene Cluquet dry CHAMPAGNE in Pils and Quarts.
Sillery Mousseux CHAMPAGNE.
Corte Noire, &c. CLARETS, Pils and Quarts.
Villani CLARET, Quarts.
CHABLIS.
BURGUNDY.
Liebfrauenmilch, Josephdorfer Ausstich, Fludheim, Fleur de Moselle, Superior Old PORT in 1 dozen cases. Superior dry Pale SHERRY in 1 and 3 dozen cases.
Base ALE, Quarts and Pils.
Barley's SOUT, Quarts and Pils.
Hennessy BRANDY in 1 dozen cases.
A. de Luse & Fils Brandy in 1 dozen cases.
Apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, July 17, 1868.

New Advertisements.

J. S. BURLINGHAM,
Surgeon Dentist.
Hotel d'Europe.
Office hours: from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M.

NEW BOOK.
"The Speculations of the Old Philosopher."
Translated from the Chinese
BY JOHN CHAMBERS, A.M.
Price \$1.50.
Also,
"The Origin of the Chinese" by the same author. Price \$1.
Apply at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. or The London Mission House.
Hongkong, October 17, 1868.

WANTED.
TONNAGE to carry for 300 to 400 Tons of Dead Weight.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, October 21, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 28th October, 1868, at 11 o'clock, by order of Messrs MELHORS & Co., at their Godowns,
The following GOODS, saved from the wreck of the late Schooner "CHINA PACKET" stranded on the Philippine Islands:
(For account of whom it may concern.)
R. 40 bags COFFEE.
5 sacks MOLASSES.
10 tubs SUGAR.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, October 26, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned begs to inform the Public of Hongkong that he has just opened THE HOTEL DES COLONIES RESTAURANT, where he will personally superintend his own Cuisine. He is prepared to take orders and deliver to any part of the City at the shortest notice. He is also ready to cater or take the management of Balls, Parties, &c. Having been several years Cook of the New York Club, he feels confident, by a strict attention to business, to merit a share of public patronage.
N.B.—Baked Pork and Beans, Thursday and Sunday. Fish Chowder, Tuesday and Friday.
H. TRENT,
Caterer.
No. 203, Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, October 17, 1868.

CANTON RACES.
THE above Races will take place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December next.
Further particulars will be duly announced.
FRED. W. COARE,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

New Advertisements.

VICTORIA REGATTA CLUB.

Committee:
The Hon. Wm. Kewick, Chairman.
J. RICKETTS, Esq.,
Richard F. Hawke, Esq.,
A. W. GLENNE, Esq.,
A. Moleod, Esq., Hon. Secretary.

PROGRAMME of the 15th Annual Meeting, 1868.

FIRST DAY,
Tuesday, 10th November, 1868.

FIRST RACE, 1 P.M.—For Boats pulled by non-commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison. Distance, one mile. Prizes: first Boat, \$25; second, \$10. Time for Oars. Entrance fee, \$1. Officers can officiate as Coxswains if necessary.

SECOND RACE, 1.30 P.M.—For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Distance, one mile. Prize: the GOLD CHALLENGE SCULLS, to be won two years in succession by the same member, and a Cup valued \$25, presented by the CLUB. Entrance fee, \$5.

THIRD RACE, 2.30 P.M.—For Four oared Canton Cutters. Distance, one mile and a-half. Prize: the CHAIRMAN'S CUP, value \$250. Entrance fee, \$10.

FOURTH RACE, 3 P.M.—For Men-of-war's Gigs. Distance, one mile. Prizes: first Boat, \$20; second, \$5. Time for Oars. Entries received by R. F. Hawke, Esq., until noon on Monday, the 9th November.

FIFTH RACE, 3.30 P.M.—For Pair Oars and Two Pair Sculling Boats. Distance, one mile. Prize, the AMERICAN CUP, valued \$300, presented by the American Community. Entrance fee, \$5.

SIXTH RACE, 4 P.M.—For Canoes. Distance, from the shore to the Flag-ship, and once round. Prize: the BACKUS'S CUP, value \$50. Entrance fee, \$2.

SEVENTH RACE, 4.30 P.M.—For House Boats pulled by Chinamen, the bond side crews of the Boats entered. Distance, one mile. Prizes: First Boat, \$15; Second, \$5. Entrance fee, \$1.

SAILING RACE FOR ALL OPEN BOATS, Chinese excepted. Prizes: first Boat, \$25; second, \$10. Course to be specified hereafter. Entrance fee, \$2.

HARBOR YACHT RACE.—For all Yachts. Schooners to sail as Cutters, deducting one-third of their tonnage. Time allowed fifteen seconds per ton. Prizes, the TOONG-FOU CUP, presented by E. A. HITCHCOCK, Esq., and the CANTON CUP, presented by the Canton Regatta Club. First boat to have the choice of Prizes, the remaining Prize to go to second boat. Entrance fee, \$5. Particulars of the Course will be duly announced.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, 11th November, 1868.

FIRST RACE, 1 P.M.—For Men-of-war's Cutters. Distance, one mile. First Boat, \$25; second, \$10. Entrance fee, \$1. Entries received by R. F. Hawke, Esq., until noon on Monday, the 9th November.

SECOND RACE, 1.30 P.M.—For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Distance, one mile. Prize: the LADIES' PURSE, presented by the Ladies of Hongkong. Entrance fee, \$5.

THIRD RACE, 2.30 P.M.—For Four-oared Canton Cutters. Distance, one mile and a-half. Prize: the PERTHSHIRE REGATTA CUP, value \$150, presented by the Officers of H. M. 73rd (Porth-shire Regiment). The Winners of the Chairman's Cup excluded. Entrance fee, \$10.

FOURTH RACE, 3 P.M.—For all Boats manned by Europeans. Distance, one mile. Prize: first Boat, \$25; second, \$10. Time for Oars. Entries received by the Secretary until noon on Monday, the 9th November. Entrance fee, \$1.

FIFTH RACE, 3.30 P.M.—For Pair Oars and Two Pair Sculling Boats. Distance, one mile. Prize, the BUSINESS CUP, value \$100, presented by D. RUTHERFORD, Esq. Winners of the American Cup excluded. Entrance fee, \$5.

SIXTH RACE, 4 P.M.—For Boats pulled by non-commissioned Officers and Men of any Corps in Garrison. Distance, one mile. Time for oars. Prizes: first Boat, \$20; second, \$5. Winners of the first race first day excluded. Entrance fee, \$1.

SEVENTH RACE, 4.30 P.M.—For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Distance, one mile. Prize, the KWONG-LOONG CUP, valued \$100, presented by O. D. KENNEDY, Esq. Winners of any Single Pair Sculling Race in China or elsewhere excluded. Entrance fee, \$5.

YACHT RACE.—For Schooners and Cutters. Prizes, the NAVAL and GARRISON CUPS. No time allowance between Schooners and Cutters, but boats under 12 tons will be allowed 20 seconds per ton (for each ton 12) in their own class. The first boat in either rig to have the choice of Prizes, and the first boat of the other rig to take the remaining prize. Entrance fee \$5. Particulars of the Course will be duly announced.

OCEAN RACE.—For Yachts. Prize, the DOUGLAS CHALLENGE CUP value \$500, presented by DOUGLAS LAUREL, Esq., to be won two years successively by a Yacht or Yachts the bona fide property of the same owner. The Course will be from Hongkong Harbour to Macao and back. Schooners to sail as Cutters, deducting one-third of their tonnage. Time allowance one minute per ton. Entrance fee, \$10. Full particulars of the course and day of the Race will be duly announced.

The above Programme is subject to any future alterations the Committee may find it necessary to make.
Weights, colors, and names of each Crew for Presentation Prizes for Rowing must be stated on entering Boats.
All entries (not otherwise specified) must be made to the Hon. Secretary, on or before the 31st October, 1868.
The Races will commence each day at 1 P.M., and finish will take place on board the Flag-Ship each day after the Second Race.
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New Advertisements.

MORRIS'S DIRECTORY FOR CHINA JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, &c., &c., 1868.

THE Undersigned begs to announce that the first volume of the above work will be published early in January 1869, and he requests that the schedules addressed to the different residents be returned as soon as possible and that all foreigners lately arrived in China will kindly send their names for insertion without delay.

Orders will be received by and copies can be obtained from Messrs DROWN & Co. Swatow, Messrs GILES & Co. Amoy, Messrs HENSON & Co. Poochow, Shanghai Recorder Office Shanghai, Japan Times Office Yokohama, Messrs OASE & Co. Nagasaki, F. ALGAR, Esq., Clements Lane, London, and Messrs J. STRATTON & Co. San Francisco.

N.B.—All advertisements must be sent in not later than 15th November.
Hongkong, October 19, 1868.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned are authorized to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding \$5,000.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Poochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.
On and after Monday next, the 19th inst., the Charges for Board at the Company's Hotel will be reduced to the following scale:

For Board, to Residents or Non-residents, \$45 a month.
For Breakfast, \$0.80.
" 1 Dinner, 0.80.
" 1 Dinner, 1.25.

On and after Wednesday, the 21st inst., no money will be taken at the Bar or in the Billiard Rooms. Tickets will be on Sale in the Bar and Billiard Rooms, price 25 cts each, and Drinks and Games must be paid for with them.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. LANGDON DAVIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, October 17, 1868.

COALS.
THE Undersigned are prepared to Coal Steamers on a Charter of English Steam Coals from a stock in this Harbour or from fresh Welsh and Australian Coals in Store.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, September 22, 1868.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
Between YUE CHONG, Plaintiff,
and
WILLIAM REYNOLDS, Defendant.

WHEREAS an Action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named YUE CHONG, against the above named WILLIAM REYNOLDS, trading under the style or firm of REYNOLDS BROS., and Company of Hongkong, to recover the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, for money payable by the Defendant to the Plaintiff, for monies received by the Defendant for the use of the Plaintiff and for damages for the breach of a Charter Party made between the Plaintiff and the Defendant, whereby it was agreed that the ship JAVE (North German barque) of seventy tons should proceed from Hongkong to Yokohama with a full cargo of various Merchandise which the said Plaintiff agreed to ship, and there deliver the same, Freight for the same being payable, Fifteen Hundred Dollars at Hongkong, and the balance at Yokohama after delivery of the said Cargo at the rate of Three pence per cwt. (gross weight) and one penny per cwt. for the said Plaintiff mentioned only and all times elapsed necessary to entitle the Plaintiff to have the said Charter Party fulfilled and performed by the Defendant on his part, yet the ship did not proceed from Hongkong to Yokohama, and the defendant could not and did not perform the said Agreement and it being alleged that the said William Reynolds and his co-defendants, within this Island or its dependencies, a writ of Habeas Corpus attachment has been issued returnable on the Twenty-sixth day of October instant, wherein George Barty Falconer, of Victoria is the Colony of Hongkong, trader, and Collinson, Master of the British barque Leen-fa, are Garnishees.

Notice is hereby given, thereof, and that if at any time before the said day of October instant, the said William Reynolds or any person on his behalf, will give the security and notice, and file the appearance or plea required by the Ordinance of this Island, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for and regulate process in Actions at Law against persons absent from the Colony," the said Attachment may be dissolved.

Dated this Tenth day of October, 1868.
W. GASKILL,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

W. SALWAY,
ARCHITECT, SURVEYOR, &c.,
10, Queen's Road Central,
(Over Messrs MILLER & CLARKE'S.)

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned returns thanks for past favors and would remind the Gentleman at Hongkong, that the most agreeable health inspiring treats obtainable, can be had at the Hongkong Hotel Poochow, and at the Sze-chow. Constant moving pantries and shower of fragrant odors, which render the body cool and comfortable.

Hair Cutting, \$0.75.
Shampooing, 0.50.
Shaving, 0.25.
Hair cutting and Shampooing, 1.00.
W. P. MOORE,
Tongatral Artist,
Hongkong, August 29, 1868.

New Advertisements.

SAYLE & CO.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
INVITE inspection of their New and well assorted summer Stock of
Black and Blue Broad CLOTHS.

Naval and Military CLOTHS.
Light Mixt and Fancy TWEEDS.
Self and Fancy Colored FLANNELS.

Plain and Fancy DRILLS, DUCKS, &c.
Quilting and Marcella VESTINGS.
The Tailoring Department under the management of first class English Cutters.

TIES and SCARFS in great variety.
The new Shapes in Gentlemen's COLLARS.
Long Cloth, Silk and Wool SHIRTS.

PAJAMAS.
Gauze, Merino and Silk UNDERVESTS.
HOSIERY of all kinds.

Gentlemen's Straw and Felt HATS in Various Shapes.
Household LINENS of every description.
A large Stock of French Printed MUSLINS of the Latest Patterns.

French Printed CAMBRICS.
Black GLAZES, Plain and Fancy Silk GAUZES.

Grenadines and other New Fabrics Embroidered, Printed and Made-up SKIRTS.

CRINOLINES, Muslin EMBROIDERIES and LACES of all descriptions.
Ladies' Trimmed HATS and BONNETS.

FLOWERS, FEATHERS, &c.
Ladies' and Children's UNDER-CLOTHING.

Ladies' Cotton and Lisle HOSIERY.
LISLE and SILK GLOVES, &c.
Lace and Muslin CURTAINS.

THE "TREATY PORTS OF CHINA AND JAPAN" AND "NOTES AND QUERIES ON CHINA AND JAPAN."

EXTRACTS FROM REVIEWS.
We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the number for the current year of "Notes and Queries," a most deserving Anglo-Chinese monthly, edited by Mr. N. B. DENNY, whose "Treaty Ports of China and Japan" are so well known. From the names attached to the "Notes" we can see that the contributors include some of the best Chinese scholars in the East. Its interest is not confined to China, and it will be of valuable assistance to all scholars who have directed their attention towards the subject of Buddhism and its literature, and generally to all who are interested in oriental antiquities. It deserves to be better known in India.

(From the "Strait Times," July 27, 1868.)
Some time ago we had occasion to remark upon the progress that Literature as represented by the Press had made and was making in the East, and our attention had been called to the number of the receipt of a Hongkong publication which we deserved some notice and which we have much pleasure in introducing to the knowledge of our readers. We allude to Notes and Queries on China and Japan, published monthly by Mr. Saint, the proprietor of the China Mail newspaper. This publication is well printed on good paper, and in size and shape is very like its well-known namesake or prototype of the same name, and contains information regarding the language, literature, history, manners and customs of the Chinese and in a large degree of the Japanese. It says a good deal for the extent and stability of the footing of Europeans in China; that such a publication as this should be established and conducted with apparently successful vigour is a very interesting and wishing it every success, we commend it to the attention and support of our readers.

(From the "London Examiner," May 16, 1868.)
This really useful volume ("Treaty Ports of China and Japan") is intended as a guide for travellers and residents in China and Japan, and as a book of reference for mercantile men generally. It contains a wealth of facts and figures, and is a most valuable work for all who are interested in the commerce and politics of the East.

Mr. N. B. DENNY, and the elaborate maps and plans, with which the work abounds, considerably enhance its value.

We have thus given in outline some of the more prominent portions of the chapter devoted to Canton, as a specimen of the whole volume. Other chapters treating of Macao, Fuzhou, Ningpo, Shanghai, and the remainder of the treaty ports, we can only enumerate. The pages describing Peking, the capital, are so interesting, and contain so much that is new to European readers respecting its history, public buildings, and general characteristics, that we would fain transfer them to our columns. A complete and intelligible plan of the Imperial City and neighbourhood, gives us an accurate notion of the relative position of its divine, streets, and places.

In the introductory chapter to the notices of the Treaty Ports of Japan will be found a succinct history of that Empire, together with remarks on its government, geography, and limits, which will be found particularly interesting as throwing a considerable light on a part of the world so long entirely, and still comparatively unknown to Europeans.

The descriptions of Nagasaki, Yedo, Yokohama, and the other Treaty Ports of Japan, are as elaborate and entertaining as those of the Chinese ports. A copious index and a useful appendix containing many hints and much appropriate advice to travellers and others, is also included in the volume. The entire work affords a vast amount of information, pleasantly written, and we doubt not will be perused with interest by many who will never visit the Eastern sea.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per Amoy, on Wednesday, the 29th inst. at Noon.
For Bangkok.—Per President Harbitt, on Wednesday, the 27th inst. at 2 P.M.

UNDER DESPATCH.
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New Advertisements.

NOTICE.
NOW Publishing, a series of Photographs Views of Hongkong, Canton and Macao, Characteristic Groups etc., etc., by the Undersigned; about 150 Photographs to select from.
In sets of 50 mounted, price, \$30.
" " 25 " " " 20.
" " 50 unmounted, " " 25.
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FLOYD & Co.
Hongkong, September 21, 1868.

GEORGE GLASSE,
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LATEST SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Oct. 26, Rosalie, Brit. ship, 920, Henderson, Shanghai, 22nd Oct.—Order.
Oct. 26, Merida, N. G. barque, 250, Volberth, Whampoa, Oct. 24, General—W. Prust & Co.
Oct. 26, Japan, N. German 3-masted schooner, 276, F. Kesterling, Newchwang, Oct. 14, 6,100 piculs Beans.—Stemess & Co.
Oct. 26, 4.30 p.m., let D. P. 8219, Matador, North German barque, beating in.

DEPARTURES.
Erl King, for Shanghai.
File of France, for Macao.
John Lightfoot, for Whampoa.
Chiefain, for Poochow.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The N. German 3-masted schooner Japan, from Newchwang, reports fine weather and Northerly wind till Bishan group; from thence had calms for 2 days, then had strong N.E. monsoon as far as Breaker Point, when had squally weather and moderate monsoon and rain till arrival in port.

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bear upon the arguments to be advanced—

(From the "China Mail," May 24th, 1849.)

Beyond assertion on the one side and inference on the other, however, the precise nature of the lease, or tenure, by which the settlement (of Macao) is held, has not been clearly defined; and positively there never was anything except a tacit and unreciprocated agreement, of which the only certain traces that exist are the annual payment of 500 taels, and the intermeddling of the Chinese authorities in the affairs of Macao, which the Editor of the *Boletim* admits had been "tolerated for many years;" but thinks such abuses do not constitute right, however ancient they may be—a doctrine to which we cannot subscribe, and which is at variance with the law of Nations, and of Nature too. The intermeddling of the Chinese authorities for many years circumscribed the authority of the Portuguese within narrow limits; for "the law requires that every proprietor (not to say tenant) who for a long time, and without any just reason, neglects his rights, should be presumed to have entirely renounced and abandoned them." (*Vattel on Prescription among Nations*) But a claim resting on prescription may be the same in the same way as that by which it was acquired; so that, should the "Port Captain" be successful in his present efforts to abolish all traces of Chinese authority from the Peninsula, and should his successors be able to maintain the position, we do not see how the claim of Portugal could be questioned.

The sentences from the *Boletim* bearing on the foregoing are as follow:—

"The Chinese know that the Peninsula of Macao, having been ceded to the Portuguese in 1587, in the time of the Ming dynasty, for an annual ground-rent of 500 taels, which has always been regularly paid, is to be governed by Portuguese laws; neither are they unaware that the first shot fired by their order against Macao, or a blockade, or any other similar act of aggression, would give to the Portuguese the right of conquest over this Peninsula, and would free us from the payment of the 500 taels, which, however, is neither a heavy one, nor can be considered as reflecting discredit on the Portuguese Government."

"If commercial interests, in opposition to the national dignity, tolerated for many years the intermeddling of the Chinese authorities in the affairs of Macao, such abuses do not constitute right, however ancient they may be, because the cession of Macao to the Portuguese is still more ancient."

Now let us take these assertions as made by this journal nearly twenty years ago, and see wherein lies our own inconsistency, and the vindication of the status of Macao.

(1) The precise nature of the Portuguese tenure has never been clearly defined. We have lately asserted that Portugal holds no right to Macao, such as would be acknowledged by international law. We fail to see our inconsistency here.

(2) The Editor of the *Boletim* admits that Chinese interference had been "tolerated for many years, but thinks such 'abuses' do not constitute right."—The *China Mail* of 1849, says it "cannot subscribe" to the *Boletim's* opinion.—Neither do we now.

(3) *Vattel* is quoted to show that the "proprietor, who for a long time and without any just reason, neglects his rights should be presumed to have entirely renounced and abandoned them."—The Chinese have never, except under the compulsion of circumstances, renounced their continued protest against the cession of Macao. They stated their willingness to admit the right of permission of residence just as we occupy Shanghai, but no longer ago than 1864 they refused to ratify the Treaty which implied that China had renounced her territorial rights. As the article to which objection was taken may not be generally known, we quote from it hereunder. It was to annul everything which had been done previously "with respect to the relations between Portugal and the Empire of China, and between the Government of the City of Macao (formerly in the provinces of Kwangtung) and the Chinese authorities," and was to make the proposed new treaty of St. Guimaraes the only valid regulation of those relations. To have subscribed to this would of course have been tantamount to acknowledging that Macao was no longer territorially in the province of Kwangtung and that "all which had been done previously"—to wit, the claims put forth of jurisdiction—had been abandoned. With this refusal, and the ratification of the treaty yet pending, it is difficult to see that the Chinese have, in *Vattel's* sense, "renounced their rights." The final question—the maintenance of the position of independence in which Portugal has placed Macao—is easily disposed of. Macao is virtually Portuguese, but is not Portuguese territory officially and internationally; and the worst of it is, that no efforts by the Portuguese can make it so, as nothing but the recognition by other nations can give it that status. It is a sore point no doubt, but neither bluster nor silence will be effectual to settle it; and we repeat the advice we have previously tendered to its government, "Take steps to get the matter settled."

C. A. P. winds up these very (for his own side) inconclusive quotations by the following words:—

"Events have fully borne out the views of both the *China Mail* (of 1849) and the *Boletim*, on the matter in question. After the assassination of Governor Amaral, the Chinese did commit an act of aggression by opening fire on Macao, which resulted in the capture of the Chinese fort of *Pasadam* by the Portuguese; and the successors of the illustrious victim of Chinese treachery have most decidedly maintained the position created by him."

Admitting that the Chinese did "commit an act of aggression" (which they did not) the fact that Portugal has "maintained the position" does not affect the argument at all. Nobody denies that Macao is practically Portuguese. But that it is not so internationally, is suffi-

ciently shown by the attempt to insert a clause in the treaty expressly annulling the former—and failing the ratification, still existing—conditions of tenure. C. A. P. may be a patriotic Portuguese, but will, we fear, be esteemed by his countrymen as a "friend" from whom one may pray to be delivered. But if he desires to continue the controversy, our columns are open to him as to any one who discusses the matter in a similar tone. The question is one of general interest to Chinese and Europeans alike, and as such we are quite willing to admit any reasonable communication, on either side of the question.

THE GOLD DEPOSITS IN THE NORTH.

The following interesting particulars of a trip to the "diggings" in the neighbourhood of Chefoo, have been contributed to the *Shanghai Recorder* by its correspondent at that place. The writer italicizes his statement that the "Pingu mines are very rich," and he had good reason to do so if, as he states, he "found that the seam of gold in quartz is fully two inches thick." We apprehend that what the writer means is that the sufferer's vein is two inches thick. And again if he "ascertained" that the thickness of gold was so great, why did he not procure a few feet as a sample? Our contemporary remarks:—"The account of the visit strikingly illustrates the truth of the view that it is only the official classes who are opposed to foreigners, not the bulk of the people." While the party experienced nothing but civility from the latter, the Pingu Mandarin did all he could to throw obstacles in their way."

The letter is dated:—

CHEFOO, October 12th, 1868.

Your readers will no doubt be interested in a few particulars of an expedition to the Pingu Mines, which has recently been made, and which was accompanied by Mr. Consul Markham, and a gentleman from your port. We started at 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon of the 9th, September. Our train consisted of a cart, three Shanais, a mule litter, a pack mule, and our steeds. At 6 the same evening we reached the suburbs of Fushan, and put up at a temple for the night. The next morning proved to be very wet, so we could not get away till 11.45, when a start was effected, and our cart replaced by another Shanai, as we found the former ill-encumbered us. We travelled on through the rain till 4.45 when we came to a river, which was much swollen by the rains, and we had some difficulty in crossing it. This, however, was at last safely effected and at 6 that evening we took up our lodging at a Chinese inn in the village of Leu-Hong, about 90 li from Yantai.

We got away the next morning at daylight, and travelled through some lovely country, well cultivated but thinly populated. The principal crops we saw consisted of Kwangtung Millet, Hemp, Buck Wheat, Tobacco and the Castor Oil plant which bordered nearly every field, and whose scarlet flower gave a gay appearance to the whole country, which is undulating and extremely pretty. The people were civil and the villages clean; nearly all the streams we crossed were almost dry. At 11 we reached a village called Tsing-tian, where we stopped to breakfast for an hour, when we resumed our route for Wang Shien, which city we reached at 6.30, having travelled 110 li this day.

The approach to Wang Shien is very pretty. A mile from the city, you pass through an avenue of beech and poplar trees; the roads are good, and the people markedly civil. We entered the city through the East gate, and left it at the West and then put up at an inn of tolerable dimensions, where we had a Chinese dinner, which was much enjoyed by some of the party—Wang Shien is large city with a population of about 8000. The walls are high and in good repair, and the place had a generally flourishing appearance. We noticed an immense number of pack mules laden with European goods from Chefoo entering the City. Here we had some difficulty with our muleteers, but got the Magistrate to settle it for us, which he did very speedily. The fellows struck for higher wages, although we were paying them double the right amount. The consequence was that they had to come down instead of our having to go up. At noon we started for Lai-chow-foo, our route being along the sea coast through flat, uninteresting, but well cultivated country. This night, we rested at the village of Wang-sung, having made 70 li during the day. The next morning we were off by day-light, and at 10.45 we stopped to breakfast at the village of Sing-chung. Nearly all the villages on our route had walls of mud round them which are far from strong. The country now seemed better cultivated and more thickly inhabited, the people throughout continuing most civil. We obtained some excellent fruit, among which were the best pears I have tasted in China. Our course lay S. W. by W. to the South stretched a range of high rugged mountains, to the north the ocean, almost four miles off. All the villages we passed through were thickly wooded. At 6.45 we reached the village of Ping-le-tien, where we put up at a large clean inn for the night. This day we travelled 85 li. Oct. 5th, we started at 6.30 a.m., and reached the city at 10.45, where we put up at an inn in the suburbs. This is by far the prettiest and cleanest city I have seen in China. The walls are at least 80 ft. high, well built and in good preservation. A moat, 100 yards broad, surrounds the city, outside of which are tombs. The two main streets of the city running E. and W. and N. and S. are well paved, admirably drained and very clean; the shops good, markets splendidly stocked with all kinds of vegetables and fruit, and the people courteous and kindly disposed. We should have liked to remain here longer, but time pressing after breakfast we again started for Pingu. This afternoon, we were overtaken by a thunderstorm in the mountains, and got pretty well soaked. At 5.35, we arrived at a small village called Kia-kin-foo, and put up at a wretchedly bad inn for the night, having travelled 50 li from Tai-chow-foo. We were off again at daylight next day, and reached Pingu at 12.30.

The city is situated on an extensive plain, and the country round it seems to have suffered from the Rebels more than any we had before passed through. The city is an ordinary Chinese walled city, and scarcely worth describing. We were poorly housed, and Markham had an interview with the Magistrate, who, however, I understand, was not particularly civil. He never allowed that we had guides for the mines, and at daylight next morning we started for a 90 li ride to Kwei Tien, the village near the gold river. This we reached at dark, and put up at a decent house. The Pingu Mandarin followed us, and put up next door. Instead of helping us, he did all he could to stand in our way, and the consequence was that we could not go to collect for work for us. We, however, ascertained that the seam of gold in the quartz is fully two inches thick, and I think the mine might be worked by hydraulic means to great advantage. We washed in the stream and found what is called "the color," that is gold dust, in every pan of sand which we washed. The yield from washing alone would probably be \$100 worth of gold to the ton of sand, and fifteen men might easily with proper appliances work 10 to 15 tons a day. Altogether we were well satisfied that we had found mines as really very rich, and one of the party remained behind to "prospect" the range. We entered upon our homeward route next day, and passed through the most lovely mountain scenery imaginable. I believe that our party is the first that has been to Pingu, excepting two Americans last year. The Pingu mines are situated at the foot of a hill about 600 ft. high, and surrounded by mountains being about 2,000 to 5,000 feet. Diggers still continue to arrive, and directly the party is strong enough, I believe they will start for Pingu. If anything happens, the authorities will have only themselves to thank, as the diggers are quite willing to go to work in a legitimate manner if allowed to do so; but if opposed, it is not by any means improbable that they will resist.

LOCAL.

The Band of the 73rd Regt. will perform on the Parade Ground, on Tuesday, 27th inst., commencing at 4.30 p.m. The following is the programme:—
Overture, "I Martini," Donizetti.
Quadrille, "St. Patrick's," Laurent.
Scherzo, "Zampa," Herold.
Valse, "Jancie," Laurent.
GALOP, "Trish Traish," Strauss.
M. TROY, Band-Sergeant-Conductor.

THE CHINESE FLAG.

The following Despatch from His Excellency Vice-Admiral The Honourable Sir Henry Keppel, K.C.B., Naval Commander-in-Chief, describing the Ensign to be carried by War Vessels of China, is published for general information in the *Gazette* of Saturday:—

"Princess Charlotte," at Hongkong, 17th October, 1868.

Sir,—In reply to Your Excellency's Letter Number 473 of the 16th October, I have the honor to submit the following Extract from the Order Book on this Station establishing in pursuance of Admiralty Instructions the Ensign to be recognized as indicating the Chinese Government Vessel. "The Chinese Government having determined that all War Vessels in China shall in future carry a Dragon Ensign in addition to the Distinguishing Flags already worn by such Vessels, the Officers in command of Her Majesty's Ships on this Station are to respect this Ensign accordingly, as the Government Flag of China, in the same manner as the National Flag of other Nations."

The Flag will be three-cornered, yellow ground, upon which a Dragon will be designed, with the head towards the Upper part of the Flag, and will vary in dimensions, according to the size of the Vessel by which it is worn."

I am of opinion that this National Flag should be displayed in all Chinese Vessels carrying Pennants, and in addition a Flag to denote the Vice-Royalty of the Fleet, which the Vessel belongs to, may be hoisted at the Mast-head. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient Servant, HENRY KEPPEL, Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief. His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, Knight, C.B., &c., &c., &c.

The *Ceylon Observer* of Sept. 23, gives the following at the latest news of Dr. Livingstone:—"On Saturday evening we received a reply to a Telegram we sent to Trincome to ask if H. M. S. *Ottawa* had brought any fresh news of Dr. Livingstone. All who have watched with interest (and who has not?) the heroic perseverance of the great explorer of equatorial Africa, will be glad to learn that the officers of the *Ottawa* heard of him as being well, and believed to be within one week of Zanzibar when the vessel left on 8th September."

TO DAY'S POLICE.

Both Magistrates sat to-day. Poon Ah-chung, an old offender, was charged with having escaped from the chain-gang in September 1867. In August last, this same rascal was convicted of unlawful possession, for which offence he received two months' imprisonment. Now that he has served that sentence the reserve officer of escape is fallen back upon. It appears that by unweaving his leg-iron, the prisoner got loose and rushed into a drain, in which his clothes were afterwards found, but not himself.—Defendant denied that he was the man who escaped; and one named Kwong-Yee Mooney swore, in the behalf that prisoner had never been in Gaol at all. Mr. May, however, had the evidence of Mr. Douglas, Mr. Grey (his nephew), and a tannery named Stevenson. So his Worship made short work of the prisoner and his witness as follows. A cheque was sent to hard labor for four months, and was ordered to find security for six months thereafter; while the lying witness was convicted of giving false evidence and fined \$5, or in default ten days' imprisonment.

Four coolies were charged with having been concerned in the theft of oranges of four tons of red lead from the property of the Hon. the West Point. It appears that the four prisoners were engaged in carrying each four tons of red lead from Wauchi to West Point, when one of the coolies disappeared with four of the tons, value \$20. They looked for the prisoner, as the prisoners say, and could not find him; and all the coolies were then given into custody. The case was remanded.

Oliver Lamure, a French seaman of the barque *La Orata*, was mad drunk last night, and was consequently taken to the Station about 8.30 o'clock, where he met a most un-Sunday-like row. He was put into a cell with another European, and in want of something less exciting, he commenced to kick and knock about his fellow-seaman and fellow-prisoner, by name Charles Cooper. Of course, Cooper was drunk, else most probably the Frenchman would not have been so ready with his attack. At all events, Inspector Grimes, who was on duty, was directed to the cell by the noise, and saw Cooper lying on the floor bleeding, while the Frenchman was employing himself and his boots in kicking the poor "drunk and incapable" face. On opening the cell-door, the Inspector was nearly knocked down by the redoubtable Frenchman, and Inspector Livingston, who was "doing the audience," was knocked completely off his pins. Grimes produced an Hospital certificate, which stated that poor Cooper was "very severely lacerated about the head and neck;" and Livingston had his vengeance by giving evidence against the violent Frenchman. The case was remanded for a few days, till Cooper should be able to appear.

ALARMS OF FIRE.

Two alarms of fire were given yesterday, both happily resulting in but trifling if any damage. It appears that on the previous day (Saturday) Mr. Beatt, Secretary of the Hongkong Club perceived from his verandah a smoke issuing from a chimney on fire on the back premises adjoining the Hongkong Dispensary, formerly Messrs Marsh & Co's. He at once gave the alarm to the inmates of the Dispensary and the burning chimney was extinguished. It was not then known that the cause of the fire was a beam which crossed the chimney in question, and as no further smoke was seen, all danger was supposed to be over. It now appears probable that this beam was smouldering the whole night and yesterday. At 11.30 a.m. smoke was perceived issuing from the verandah of Messrs Marsh's (now Messrs Jules Buzier's) premises. The alarm was at once given and the brigade hurriedly started, smartly, the engines brought down from the station, however, though amply sufficient as it turned out, not being of a size likely to do much good had the fire been more serious. The Hongkong Fire Insurance Engine was meantime got down to the wharf, and as soon as steam was up threw water from its lengthy and effective hose; but by this time Messrs Crough and Dean, who with Mr. May were early on the ground, had succeeded in extinguishing the fire. It arose from the ignition of a piece of timber which passed within a few inches of the chimney—if not absolutely let within it. Had the smouldering fire not been so fortunately discovered we might have had to record a serious disaster.

At about 5 p.m. a second alarm was given. Mr. Floyd, the photographer, was passing the auction premises of Messrs Lane Crawford & Co., when he perceived smoke issuing from the building in a way which it struck him as curious, and on satisfying himself that something was wrong immediately ran to the station and gave the alarm. The brigade in this case also turned out creditably, and a cordon of police cleared the road effectively on both sides of the building. The cause of alarm was found to be a box containing some "sweepings" of straw, sawdust, &c., upon which some drippings of paraffine oil were said to have fallen. Happily it was promptly extinguished by the persons on the premises, so that the Brigade's help was scarcely needed. The proceedings were somewhat enlivened by a too active feeling respecting hanging upon building the building although assured that the fire was extinguished—the result being that he was at length "bonneted" by the parties to whose representations he so persistently turned a deaf ear. Upon the whole, however, we can compliment both brigade and police in more cordial terms than we have hitherto done. It may be said to mention that although the Chinese openly ascribe this latter alarm to some accident with a "river" of "looting" the witness, however, there does not appear to be any foundation for the rumour.

SUPREME COURT.

October 26, 1868.

IN CHANCERY.

HENDERSON AND ANR. v. HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The "Min" Case.

In this case, the Acting Chief Justice gave judgment this morning. He commenced by showing from the correspondence the various relations existing between the firm of Geo. Lyall and C. F. Still of London, and that of Messrs C. Henderson & Co., of Manchester (the plaintiffs in the present case), as well as those existing between both those firms and that of Messrs Lyall, Still & Co., Hongkong. He remarked upon the arrangement mutually entered into, by which the proceeds of all goods supplied by Henderson & Co. and shipped by Geo. Lyall and C. F. Still for the firm in Hongkong were to be remitted in first-class bank-bills to London to meet the acceptances necessary upon said shipments; and adverted to the form in which the bills of lading and invoices of said goods were drawn up to carry out this intention. This agreement was, according to their own promise, to be carefully attended to by the Hongkong firm. His Lordship then spoke of the particular shipment of goods, viz., 100 bales of the value of \$3,704, in the ship *Min*, traced its transit from Henderson & Co. to the London firm (G. L. & C. F. S.), and from the London firm to Lyall, Still & Co. of this place; and then noted the fact that the bills of lading and invoice headings were of the same tenor as the above noted arrangement stipulated. Messrs C. F. Henderson & Co. then took steps to wrap these goods in transit, which they were fully entitled to do; and then came in the transactions which Mr. Maclean had with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (the defendant in this action). In these transactions, according to the evidence of Mr. Maclean and Mr. Kresser, the peculiar wording of the documents appears to have been overlooked by everybody concerned. The question which he had to decide, therefore, was whether the Bank had right to hold the goods. The question had been very fully argued by counsel on both sides; but he did not mean to go into the points at all, as he had to decide against the Bank upon a very simple question. Mr. Kresser had said that he allowed Mr. Maclean to substitute the documents of the *Min* goods for those of the *Shankee*, which he candidly said he would not have done had he known the word "of

assigns" had been omitted from the Bills of Lading. This he did not know, and he had taken no steps to assure himself whether such was the case or not. Every person who such transactions without inquiry must suffer. Defendant to say costs.

On the suggestion of Mr. Pollard, Q.C. (defendant's counsel), his Lordship agreed to make a slight amendment on the wording of the judgment anent the substitution of the documents, on the ground that the judgment might "go further."

Mr. Pollard: "It must, my lord."

Some conversation then arose regarding the questions whether an appeal could be made from Mr. Ball to the Chief Justice, or from Mr. Ball to the Privy Council. But they were reserved, as they would come up for argument and decision hereafter.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENT.

YUS CHONG v. WILLIAM REYNVAAN.

This was an application for a writ to attach the British barque *Leen Fa*, of which defendant is registered owner, in consideration of damage to the extent of \$2,500 sustained by the plaintiff from a breach of charter-party on the part of the defendant. Mr. Haylar, instructed by Mr. Francis (for Mr. Gaskell), appeared for the Plaintiff. There were two writs concerned, one of which was returnable on the 19th and the other to-day; but they both bore upon the same question, "a dispute only existing regarding the ownership of the property sought to be attached."

Mr. Pollard, Q.C., here applied for leave to appear on behalf of Messrs Jony & Co., of Manila, who are the owners and shippers of the cargo, and also on behalf of M. Monnet, who holds a mortgage over one-third of the \$4,000 for which the vessel is mortgaged;—and leave was granted upon sect. 4 of Ord. 3 of 1868. The learned Q.C. thereupon remarked that the onus of proof rested upon his learned friend that the property sought to be attached was the property of defendant.

Mr. Haylar said that he was called upon to show three things—viz., that the cause of action arose within the Island and its dependencies, what monies were in the garnishee's hands, and what other claims existed upon these monies or goods. The breach of charter-party clearly occurred in this Colony, as it was made in Hongkong on 18th September between plaintiff and Mr. Glusenkamp (agent for Reynvaan & Co.) Upon this charter-party \$1,500 had been paid to defendant's agent, for the express purpose of being paid to the Captain (Malbal) of the ship in question (the *Java*); but on inquiry, it was found that the ship had been chartered by Glusenkamp, from Messrs Apthorpe & Karsberg & Co., for 45 cents a ton—7 cents more than the plaintiff's charter—and not a penny had been paid to the Captain, although the former charter was to have been paid in full in Hongkong. Glusenkamp, on being communicated with, said he could not pay the amount; and as the Captain of the *Java* threatened to come to an agreement with Captain Malbal and pay him \$1000 so that the goods should be released, the plaintiff made up the sum of \$2500 damages sued for, as having been directly caused by the breach of the charter party— which, by the ordinance, came under the heading of "breach of contract." As Glusenkamp, the only representative of defendant, had decamped, leaving only a quantity of furniture (now in the Sheriff's hands), plaintiff sought to attach the barque *Leen Fa*, and her cargo, which arrived consigned to Reynvaan & Co. some time after the disappearance of Glusenkamp. The vessel was now registered in Reynvaan's name at the Harbor Master's office. It had been purchased by Mr. J. B. Falconer for \$3000, by whom it was soon afterwards mortgaged for \$4000.—[The Judge remarked that Mr. Falconer must have made a good speculation. Mr. Pollard observed, that was questionable. The Court replied it would appear so at least upon the papers.]

Reynvaan assigned 40-64ths of the mortgage for \$3000 to one Marillo of Macao, and retained 24-64ths himself. Mr. Pollard: That third (24-64ths) has passed to M. Monnet.

Mr. Haylar continued to say that they also claimed the cargo, which was at present undischarged, the bills of lading for which were most likely lying at the Post Office, as no one was here representing Reynvaan to apply for them.

Mr. Pollard remarked that they could not attach cargo which defendant had never had. The goods were subject now to stoppage in transitu.

Mr. Pollard contended that the register was not compulsory. But the learned Q.C., previous to going on with the case, took a few technical objections. The remedy of foreign attachment was not justifiable by the facts of this case; and besides the writ was valid by its informality. He was bound to take all possible objections for his clients, especially as the case affected a defendant who was absent. By the ordinance, therefore, the writ and the notice, as published in the *Gazette* and other papers, must be signed by the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney. Now, this had not been done in either case, for Mr. Francis, as attested clerk to Mr. Gaskell, could not sign a foreign attachment. He was bound to insist upon the requirements of the ordinance being strictly carried out, because if the foreign attachment were good in this and other respects, the *in transitu* stoppage would be defeated.

Mr. Haylar observed that he was so taken by surprise by the last objection, that he really was not prepared to argue it. But the writ was signed by Mr. Gaskell, through Mr. Francis "per procuration."

His Lordship said that he thought, as the objection had come so suddenly upon Mr. Haylar, he ought to have time to consider it; and he would adjourn the Court to provide for this. At present, however, he was inclined to stick with Mr. Pollard, that a particular mode was laid down by the statute, it could not be departed from. But it would be only proper to give Mr. Haylar an opportunity to argue the point.

Mr. Pollard said he was sure the point had been decided upon, he thought by Chief Justice Adams.

The Court was then adjourned to 10.30 on Wednesday morning.

HERESY is the goat of the Church. Better not to suppress it.

SYLLABLES govern the world. Some violent Ultramontanists would substitute SYLLABLES.

THE NORTH.

The French Mail brings to hand Shanghai papers to the 22nd inst. ant:—

(Recorder.)

The powers of the Shanghai Opium Guild appear to be increasing to a very noticeable extent, if we may judge from a letter which we hear was recently addressed by the Taotai to H. B. M.'s Consul, concerning a case which was seized in the house of a foreign gentleman who claimed the right to sell opium to whom he likes. It seems that a case was seized, we believe, by the runners of the Guild, and that an application for its return was made through H.B.M. Consul. The Taotai in reply coolly says that he will let the gentleman in question have the case back, if he will state what has become of nine other cases which have been landed without paying the Opium Guild seizure; the object of this being to fasten upon the buyers and let the Guild do unto them as seemeth to them right. This letter was received by H. B. M. Acting Consul Mr. Forrest, and a copy transmitted to the gentleman interested without any comment. Things are coming to a pretty pass when the Taotai writes, and a British official accepts, a despatch such as this. What earthly right the Chinese authorities can have to ask these foreigners to send their own goods to it, is difficult to conceive.

Our attention has been called to a fact which is peculiarly interesting at the present time, and may have escaped the memory of many of our readers. Some eighteen months or two years ago, the Taotai wrote in to Veto, *Brasier de Montmorency*, Consul General for France, suggesting that gentlemen going out shooting should wear a badge. It is needless almost to say how emphatically the impudent proposal was rejected, the despatch, we believe, being respectfully returned. The regulation issued by Sir Rutherford Alcock is scarcely more absurd and infinitely more pernicious than the one proposed by the Taotai, and so effectively quashed by Veto. *Brasier*.

We are glad to be able to record that the body of Captain Dunn has been recovered. His funeral took place yesterday afternoon, Oct. 21st.

The steamer *Macao* came into collision with a junk which was lying in the middle of the channel, just off Pootung point, on the 21st; carrying away her own chain plates and staving in starboard bulwarks; the junk escaping with scarcely any damage. A great many complaints have been made of late respecting the junks anchoring in the fair way both here and at Woosung; at the latter place at times there is hardly sufficient room for a vessel to pass through them without touching. Perhaps after some serious accident has occurred, the authorities will take steps to remove the nuisance.

(Daily News.)

Referring to the diggings near Chefoo, a correspondent at Chefoo says:—"The news of this has naturally created a stir here, and it is very likely that all the foreigners who are now scattered in the mines close by Chefoo, will turn their attention to the more promising land of Pingu. There are about 100 foreigners in all—and in a body they would be allowed to work in peace, as no doubt they would cultivate the friendship of the natives who would all be on their side. There are some Chinese disciplined troops coming here from Tientsin, the 'Giangchow Rifles,' and it is said they are to protect the mines and drive away all foreigners from the diggings. It is not worth while forestalling what will most probably happen should the Chinese authorities attempt to use force against the miners, but it is no secret here that the foreign diggers are not the least alarmed at anything the Chinese rabble can do against them. Reports say that the diggers are well armed, and it is to be hoped that no collision will ensue, or else some of the Chungchow Rifles may come to grief."

It has been stated that H. B. M. Ship *Rodney* is about to go to Nanking. We believe this is a mistake; and that no such movement has been resolved on. The report has probably arisen from the fact of her commander having taken the natural precaution of ascertaining whether his ship could safely ascend the Yangtze, in case of necessity.

Matters seem getting worse, rather than better, at the Wei-quan barrier. The shroffs in charge of the cargo were flogged, denied food and threatened with death unless they put their names to a number of false statements which were dictated to them by the underlings at one of the yamans. Under this pressure they yielded and agreed to sign anything or everything that was submitted to them. They have written, however, to their employers, to say that they could not help it—that they were forced to do what they did in order to save their lives. The object of the Mandarin's conduct is evident. The barrier official, who is a Tartar, wanted some sort of justification for his conduct, and so adopted the Chinese way of torturing whatever evidence he wanted out of his victims. In this way he has got the men to say that the transit passes were all false; that they were sold to them; and that the cargo is not foreign-owned but their own property. These statements are of course forwarded to Tientsin and are perfectly conclusive evidence, and full justification for the mandarin's atrocities. Conduct such as this can obviously not be tolerated, but when our servants are also taken and tortured into stating whatever the mandarins suggest, the matter becomes very serious indeed. The infraction of two important articles of the treaty at one and the same time is rather too strong. The Chinese officials seem to have taken up a belief that by putting men in a corner and forcing them to sign any documents they present to them, they can evade all responsibility. But it must be shown that we intend to enforce action in accordance with our own true version,—not to retire before their ingenious falsehoods. The officials are becoming, daily, more aggressive, grasping, intolerant and indifferent to treaty stipulations; and foreigners seem helpless in their hands. It has been well pointed out that the Chinese have gained half their object when they keep foreigners' goods for weeks at a time. Loss and inconvenience are inflicted, which tend to discourage a merchant from persevering in his efforts to trade, so to induce him to submit to the squeeze to avoid delay. We shall be glad to learn what action is taken in regard to the present outrageous case. It had been referred to Tseung-kwo-fan a fortnight ago, and the barrier officials have been persisting in their misconduct ever since. Perhaps His Excellency is inclined to loose a heap of troubles for his subjects.

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FOR SALE.
Ex "ESTAFETTE" and other Arrive
GENUINE *AVH* GIN in red cases
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 Genuine *AVH* GIN, in white bottle
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Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ex "MOBILE" and other late Arrivals
100 BARRELS Hamburg Prime
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A well assorted Invoice of Hoth's E.
quality Russian ROPE, BOLTPORE,
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LOG LINES, Signal Halyards, SE
YARN, &c. At
LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co
Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ecc "BELTED WILL," "CHUSA
&c., &c.,
BASS'S ALE in hogheads and kinder
Barclay's STOUT in hogheads

Bass's ALE in bottle, quarts and pints.
Guinness's STOUT in bottle, quarts and pints.
Hennessy's Pale Old BRANDY.
Old Tom GIN.
Dinner SHERRIES from \$6 upward.
Fine Old PORT.
Ginger WINE, Ginger BRANDY.
Orange BITTERS.

**JUST RECEIVED,
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Guinness's **STOUT** in pints
quarts.
Draught **BEER** in hogsheads
kilderkins,
White Trowsers DUCK.
BOWEA & C
Hongkong, June 11, 1868.

FOR SALE.
D Ex "Chusan" and "Peter Denny"
 DRAUGHT BEER in Hogshead
 Kilderkins.
 Draught STOUT in half Hogshead
 Apply to
MORGAN, LAMBERT &
 Hongkong, June 2, 1868.

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A SMALL Lot of Superior Old
WINE, Th. Cy. Sandeman, Op
Fine Dry MADEIRA.
FINE CHAMPAGNE, COGNAC.
Various Superior Hungarian WIN
WM. PUSTAU &
Hongkong, August 6, 1867.

BEST Keeling COAL.
Apply to **LANDSTEIN &**
Hongkong, June 15, 1868.

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Under 4 ounce,
Above 4 ounce and
ceeding 8 ounce,
Above 8 ounce and
ceeding 12 ounce,
Above 12 ounce and
ceeding 16 ounce,
For every addition
Prepayment of the

- 2.—No Money Order is to be issued for any fractional part of a Penny.
- 3.—Orders drawn upon Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, will be paid at the place to which Money Order is issued, at the time of their presentation.
- 4.—Alphabetical List of Money Order Office.

7.—When an Order is presented to a Bank, a receipt by the Bank, provided the name of the person presented by some person or the employ of such

10.—In the event of a check being mis-carried or being refused, the check may be granted on a warrant from the Payee, (containing particulars, and notations of the Commission) Original Order was

11.—On the receipt of the check, orders will be given for the payment of a Money Order

or renewed, or a duplicate be made to the revenue authorities, it is ascertained that the bill is cancelled at the Office of the Receiver originally drawn.

14.—Payment.—The bill is retained before the Receiver for one Month after that date, for instance, if drawn for instance, if drawn must be obtained

the Post Office, in
the Country or Col

Post-Office Notifications.

It is hereby notified for general information that hereafter the Postage chargeable on Books and Packets of Patterns addressed to the United States of America transmitted via the United Kingdom will be as follows, viz:—

Via SOUTHAMPTON.
Under 4 ounces, 12 cents.
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, 24 " "
Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces, 36 " "
Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, 48 " "
For every additional 4 oz., 12 " "

Via MANCHESTER.
Under 4 ounces, 16 cents.
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, 32 " "
Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces, 48 " "
Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, 64 " "
For every additional 4 oz., 16 " "
Prepayment of the Postage is compulsory in each case.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, June 13, 1868.

1.—On the 1st October next, and thenceforward Money Orders will be issued at this Office and at the Agencies thereof at Shanghai and Yokohama on all the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for amounts not exceeding £10, at the rate of Exchange Current for each Mail, and charged with Commission according to the following Scale, viz:—

For sums not exceeding £2, 12
Above £2 and not exceeding £5, 24
Above £5 and not exceeding £10, 48
For every additional £10, 48

2.—No Money Order to include a fractional part of a Penny.

3.—Orders drawn in the United Kingdom upon Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, will be paid at the rate of Exchange at which Money Orders are being issued at the time of their presentation.

4.—Alphabetical Lists of over 3,700 Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, showing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public reference at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

5.—Applicants for Money Orders must furnish, in full, the surname, and, at least, the initial of one Christian name, both of the Remitter and the Payee; if the Remitter or Payee be a Peer or a Bishop, his ordinary title will be sufficient; if a firm, the usual designation of such firm, such as "Baring Brothers," will suffice; but the more term Messrs., such as "Messrs. Rivington," or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as "Carroll & Co.," is inadmissible.

6.—The Remitter on stating that the Order is to be paid only through a Bank, to have the option of giving or withdrawing the name of the Payee; in such case, the Order will be issued in the same way that Cheques are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

7.—When an Order is presented through a Bank, a receipt by any person will be sufficient, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be presented by some Person known to be the employer of such Bank.

8.—The signature of the Payee of a Money Order to be affixed to the Order in the place provided for the purpose. If the Payee be unable to write he must sign the receipt by making his mark in the presence of a Witness, who must sign his name, with his address in the presence of the Officer who pays the Order.

9.—Should the Payee of a Money Order desire to receive payment in the Country in which the Order was issued, at some other Office than that in which the Order was originally drawn, the transfer will be granted, provided the Order be inclosed to the Postmaster of the Office in which it was drawn, and the Commission chargeable upon which will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

10.—In the event of a Money Order mislaid or being lost, a duplicate will be granted on a written application from the Payee, containing the necessary particulars, and accompanied by an additional Commission to the Office where the Original Order was payable.

11.—On the receipt of a similar application orders will be given to stop payment of Money Order, or to renew a lapsed Order. The additional Commission in the last case will be deducted from the amount of the new Order. Lapsed Orders must be presented with the application for a new Order.

12.—But when it is desired that any error in the name of the Remitter or Payee should be corrected or that the amount of a Money Order should be repaid to the Remitter, or that a Lapsed Order should be renewed for payment in the Country in which the Order was originally drawn, application must be made to the Chief Money Order Office of such Country. This application must be accompanied by an additional Commission, unless it have reference to a Lapsed Order, in which case the Commission will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

13.—Repayment whether of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been cancelled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.

14.—Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn; for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July, otherwise the Order will become lapsed, and a new Order for which a second Commission will be deducted from the amount of the Order, will be charged) will become necessary.

15.—If an Order be not paid before the end of the Tenth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn, for instance, if drawn in January and not paid before the end of the following January—all claims to the Money will be forfeited, unless, under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.

16.—After once paying a Money Order by whomsoever presented, the paying Office will not be liable to any further claim. If a wrong payment, however, be made owing to negligence on the part of any Officer of the Post Office, the Postmaster General of the Country or Colony in which the negligence occurs will, if he see fit, require the Officer in fault to make good the loss.

17.—No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received.

18.—Additional Rules for the better working of the system generally will be made as occasion may require.

19.—Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, either in the United Kingdom or at Hongkong, Shanghai or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of increasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.

By Command,
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1868.

Docks.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.
The Company respectfully call the attention of Ship Owners, Consignees and Masters of Vessels, to their Establishment at Hongkong and Whampoa, for the DOCKING and REPAIRING of Vessels of all classes.

At Hongkong the Company have the only Dock in the harbour—a Granite Dock, solidly built, and of dimensions to admit Ships of 350 feet in length, and drawing 22 feet of water.

Attached to it there are Shipwrights, Blacksmiths, Boiler-makers and Machinery works, and everything necessary for the Repairing of Sailing Vessels or Steamers.

The Company have also equipped a Shipyard by the side of the Hongkong Dock, and are ready to contract for the construction of Steamers or Sailing Vessels of any size.

At Whampoa the Company have four Docks, in which they will take Ships at reduced rates.

The Steam Tug "LITTLE ORPHAN" can be engaged to tow Vessels to sea, or berth them, at reasonable rates.

For particulars, apply to
JOHN INGLIS,
Acting Secretary.
Or to
A. D. MITCHELL,
Manager of Works,
Company's Office, H. Kong Hotel Building,
Hongkong, October 10, 1868.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the seventh call of Fifty Dollars on the new Stock of the above named Company is due on the 1st December next and will be payable at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per centum per annum will be charged after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GEORGE N. MINTO,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 2, 1868.

FOOCHOW GRANITE FLOORED DOCK.

THE above Dock has been in full working order for the last year. Length 300 feet, width at bottom 40 feet, depth of water on the sill, springs, average 17 feet, neaps 14 feet. The Dock in ordinary Tides runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.

For further particulars as to the price of cooping, &c., &c., apply to
T. D. THOMSON, Esq., Messrs Do Silveira & Co., Hongkong, Messrs Do Silveira & Co., Shanghai; or to the Underwriter.

In connection with the above is the powerful Twin Screw Tug "WOOSUNG," either from Matsou (where a splendid anchorage will be found during the S. W. monsoon) or from the White Dogs, can obtain them at moderate rates, on application to
JOHN C. SKEY,
Manager.
Pagoda Anchorage, River Min.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LONDON.
Incorporated 1869.
CAPITAL—£1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms, at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1868.
CAPITAL, £200,000.

Managing Agents in China, Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee, J. IVOR MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Managing Agents in China,
Hongkong, June, 1867.

Insurances.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

JAVA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents at Hongkong and Canton for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates.

ARNHOLD KARBBERG & Co.
Hongkong, July 27, 1868. 27 Jan-69

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged on short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, " "
Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

ARNHOLD KARBBERG & Co.,
Agents, Lanchashire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, April 14, 1868.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, September 28, 1868.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at the Ports of Tientsin and Kiangsu, are prepared to Grant Policies of Marine Insurance at current rates.

DODD & Co.,
Tientsin, 10th August, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, " "
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES ON PREMIUMS. UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurances, viz:—

Detached Houses, removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Other Detached Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, March 6, 1865.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY.

FORBES & CO'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES ON PREMIUMS. Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Detached Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company,
Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged in Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, " "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual terms.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.
ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,233,927.
ANNUAL REVENUE £497,265.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

NOTICE.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, April 6, 1868.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE following rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances:—

One month, 1/2 per cent.
Three months, " "
Six months, " "

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

(Established 1st January, 1863.)
CAPITAL, Tls. 1,500,000, in 1,500 SHARES, FOR Tls. 1,000 EACH.
Paid up Capital, Tels 300,000, or Tels 200 per Share.

Provisional Committee.
W. J. BRYAN, Esq., Chairman.
(Messrs TURNER & Co.)
F. H. DELL, Esq.
(Messrs W. & A. ADAMSON & Co.)
A. MICHEL, Esq.
(Messrs CHAPMAN, KIN & Co.)
E. H. LAYERS, Esq.
(Messrs GILMAN & Co.)
F. PORTER, Esq.
(Messrs GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.)
Directors of the Company, 1866-68.

A General Meeting held on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1868, the following Resolutions were passed, relative to the continuance of the Company, for a further period of three years from the 1st January, 1869, and Notice is hereby given that applications for Shares in the aforesaid Firm, will be received at the Offices of the Company until 31st October, 1868.

Applications for Shares from Persons not resident in Shanghai, must be accompanied by a Power of Attorney, to their Agents to sign the Deed of Settlement, on their behalf and generally to represent them in all matters connected with the Company.

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of 18th November, 1867, a separate Office of the Company will be opened in London, on 1st January, 1869.

By order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,
Secretary.

Shanghai, May 15, 1868.

Form of Application for Shares.

No. _____
To the Provisional Committee of the North China Insurance Company.

GENTLEMEN,
I hereby request that you will allot to me _____ Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares, or as less number you may allot to, and agree to pay the first call of Tls. 200 per Share, and all subsequent calls, and to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant

Resolutions referred to above.

RES. I.—That a Company to be called the "North-China Insurance Company" shall be formed for a further period of three years, from 1st January, 1869 to 31st Dec., 1871.

RES. II.—That the Directors for the time being of the present Company be appointed to act as a Provisional Committee to organize the new Company.

RES. III.—That the meeting recommended by the Provisional Committee should adopt as the basis of the new Company that the capital should be 1,500,000 in 1,500 Shares of Tls. 1,000 each; Paid up Capital, Tls. 300,000 or Tls. 200 per Share; and that the Committee be authorized to issue a prospectus inviting applications for Shares and to proceed with the allotment.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

Insurances.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
NOTICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Agents the Queen Insurance Company,
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

NOTICE.

GUARDIAN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1821.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company for Hongkong and Canton are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
Hongkong, July 17, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.
CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)

20 per Cent per Annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Policies participating Policies of Two Years standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.

An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without referring to Head-quarters.

By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company.

No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.

Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2 10s. per Cent for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent residence in Europe:—

AGE.	WITHOUT PARTICIPATION.	WITH PARTICIPATION.
15	23 19 8	24 5 6
20	4 3 8	4 9 4
25	4 8 2	4 14 2
30	4 13 11	4 19 9
35	5 0 0	5 6 2
40	5 8 0	5 14 1
45	5 17 1	6 4 6
50	6 11 7	6 18 3
55	7 11 1	8 0 2
60	8 16 0	9 8 7

N.B.—Intermediate ages charged proportionally.

For Forms, for effecting Life Assurances, and for any further information, apply to
ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, September 3, 1864.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first class Sailing Vessels or Steamers, on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in China, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay, or London.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and Effects, therein contained.

In cases of Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per Cent. in place of One per Cent. per Annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per Cent.

The Royal's Annual Rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz:—

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the Town) and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
First Class China House and their Contents, 1 1/2 per cent.
Other Risks on special arrangement, to be agreed upon.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, November 9, 1866.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding One Month, 1/2 per cent.
Above One Month and not exceeding Three Months, 1/2 per cent.
Above Three Months and not exceeding Six Months, 1/2 per cent.

The full Annual Rate of 1 per cent.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.</

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CHAP. VII.—SEC. 1 TO 6.

Tables on Prices, Exchanges, &c.

- 1.—Comparison of Prices.
- 2.—Relating to Exchanges.
- 3.—Relating to Time.
- 4.—Comparison of Weights.
- 5.—Measurement of Cargo.
- 6.—Ballion Operations.

A. Appendix—Containing Sailing Directions for the Coast of China, and for the Japan Islands; also giving the meanings of Chinese Words occurring in Charts and Sailing Directions; and also a Table of Positions of places on the Chinese and Japanese Coasts.

The author, in his Preface, says:—"The tables in Chap. VII., for estimating prices, measurement of goods, exchanges, &c. have been selected from those constantly in use among the foreign merchants in China. Those for calculating the prices of tea in dollars and pence have been copied from the more extended tables, by the kind permission of the author, F. Laurens, Esq. The last section of the same chapter, on 'Measurements in Ballion,' has been prepared and furnished for the Guide by Patrick B. Harper, Esq., of the Commercial Bank of India at Hongkong, who has had much experience in the exchanges and movements of the precious metals in Eastern Asia.

"The Appendix of Sailing Directions has been reprinted from the 'China Pilot.' With short interruptions, the coasts from Singapore to Hakodadi are all described in it; and for the Chinese coasts, the Directions have been improved by the insertion of the Chinese characters for the names of all places that could be ascertained."

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VESSELS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Consignees.	Intended Despatch.
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS—				
SHANGHAI	Suwonsat	Am. str.	A. Heard & Co	
Do.	Gesania	Du. str.	Wm. Pustat & Co	
Do.	Yesso	Br. str.	Douglas Lapraik & Co	
YOKOHAMA	Oscar Vidal	N. G. bk.	Siemens & Co	
NAGASAKI	O. Jurgensen	N. G. bk.	Landstein & Co	
OTTER PORTS—				
LONDON	Bella	Br. bk.	Smith, Archer & Co	
Do.	Chetah	Br. sh.	John Burd & Co	
Do.	Corea	Br. sh.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Do.	John Lidgett	Br. sh.	Gilman & Co	
Do.	Shualoe	Br. bk.	John Burd & Co	
EUROPE	Ophir	Br. bk.	Arnold Karberg & Co	
Do.	Landers	Dan. bk.	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	
NEW YORK	Game Cook	Am. sh.	Olyphant & Co	
Do.	Merida	N. G. bk.	A. Heard & Co	
Do.	P. of Wales	Am. bk.	Olyphant & Co	
Do.	Sterling	Br. sh.	R. S. Walker & Co	
UNITED KINGDOM	Savoir Faire	Am. bk.	A. Heard & Co	
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Maud Helen	Br. bk.	A. Heard & Co	
MELBOURNE	Douglas	Br. bk.	A. Heard & Co	
SAN FRANCISCO	Schiller	N. G. sh.	A. Heard & Co	
Do.	Douglas	Br. sh.	Bosman & Co	
SINGAPORE	Ascendant	Br. str.	R. S. Walker & Co	
SUEZ, &c.	Indian Warrior	Si. bk.	Chinese	
BANGKOK	Omba	Br. sh.	John Burd & Co	
SUMATRA	Veritas	Br. sh.	Turner & Co	
MANILA & SAN FRANCISCO	Akbar	Am. sh.	Bosman & Co	
POHOW & M'BOURNE	Chiefain	Br. bk.	Carlowitz & Co	

* At Whampoa.

† At Canton.

MEN-OF-WAR IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Name.	Flag.	Rig.	Comd.	Tons.	Captain.
Adventure	British	steamer	2	1794	Hy. J. Raby, V.C. Capt.
Argus	British	steamer	6	931	F. W. Hallows, Commr.
Basilik	British	steamer	6	1031	W. N. W. Hewett, V.C. [Capt.]
Bouncer	British	gun-boat	3	230	Rodney M. Lloyd, Lt. C.
Drake	British	gun-boat	3	230	C. Crowley, Lieut. Commr.
Flamer	British	naval hospital	—	—	Attached to Melville
Grasshopper	British	gun-boat	3	230	In ordinary.
Havoc	British	gun-boat	3	230	In ordinary.
Mecaneo	British	ship	—	2210	Hy. Miller, Commr.
Melville	British	naval hospital	—	—	Geo. B. Hill, D.I.G.
Princess Charlotte	British	receiving ship	14	2448	Commodore Oliver Jones
Salamis	British	Paddle-steamer	—	850	E. B. Pusey, Act. Commr.
Unadilla	U. States	gun-boat	5	180	Hatfield, Lt. Commander

CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON WATERS.

Name.	Flag.	Rig.	Comd.	Tons.	Captain.
An-lan	Chinese	gun-vessel	7	221	Gedall
Chen-to	Chinese	gun-vessel	7	221	Edwards
Ching-ting	Chinese	gun-boat	4	—	Bessard
Chin-bai	Chinese	gun-boat	2	—	Maroy
Fai-long	Chinese	gun-boat	5	—	Masters
Spy	Chinese	gun-boat	3	—	Stewart
Tien-po	Chinese	gun-boat	6	—	de Longueville

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON

STEAMERS.

Vessel.	Flag.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners or Agents.
Dragon	British	117	Sedphinst	P. & U. S. N. Co
Fame (110 h. power)	Do.	117	Sedphinst	H. & W. Dock Company's Tug.
Fire Dart	Do.	380	Cary	H. O. and M. Steam-boat Co.
Kin Shan	Do.	450	Bennett	H. O. & M. Steam-boat Co.
Khi Kiang	Do.	617	—	H. O. & M. Steam-boat Co.
Lutin	Do.	69	—	Acheong
Little Orphan	Do.	46	—	Union Dock Company's Tug.
Poyang	Do.	370	Thebaud	H. O. and M. Steam-boat Co.
Prince Albert	Do.	180	Gedall	Q. Acheong
Spark	Amer.	140	Wilson	Thomas Hunt & Co
White Cloud	British	280	Carroll	Thomas Hunt & Co

* Repairing at Hongkong.

SHIPPING IN HARBOUR

HONGKONG.

Consignees of Vessels will greatly oblige by forwarding corrections of errors in the following list.

Exclusive of To-day's Arrivals, Departures, and Clearances.

C. on Pedder's Wharf.—W.C., from Pedder's Wharf to Gibb's Wharf.—W., Westward of Gibb's Wharf.—E.C., on Pedder's Wharf to the Military Hospital.—E., Eastward of the Hospital.—K., on Kowloon side.

Merchant Steamers.

Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Asiff	W.O. Johnson	Brit. str.	700	October 21	P. & O. S. N. Co	Swatow, &c.	28th, Noon
Donnai	W.O. Gordon	Feb. str.	2300	Sept. 28	Messageries Imperiales	Saigon, Suez, &c.	26th, 2 p.m.
Ellora	W. Murray	Brit. str.	1579	Sept. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Enou	W.O. Barlow	Brit. str.	1538	October 28	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Indore	W.O. Green	Brit. str.	1021	Sept. 20	F. K. Banerjee		
John Bright	W.O. Cumming	Brit. str.	877	August 30	David Sassoon Sons & Co		
Kan Ka Kee	K. Yeaton	Amer. str.	313	October 19	Aug. Heard & Co		
Lightning	K. Rodger	Brit. str.	316	August 28	Gibb, Livingston & Co		
Norma	W.O. Jones	Brit. str.	989	October 18	F. & O. S. N. Co		
West Indian	E. Miller	Brit. str.	1804	October 18	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Yung-hai-an	W.O. Morrison	Amer. str.	447	October 19	Russell & Co		

Merchant Sailing Vessels.

Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Advance	W. Tams	Siam. bk.	836	October 15	Chinese	Manila and San Francisco	
Akbar	W. Crocker	Amer. sh.	908	October 8	Bosman & Co		
Alarbus	K. Popp	N. Ger. sh.	813	October 20	Wm. Pustat & Co		
Alert	W. Abbott	Brit. sh.	185	October 3	John Burd & Co		
Ann Adamson	E. Eaton	Brit. bk.	498	October 19	Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Annetta	W. O'Flaherty	Brit. bk.	386	October 18	Carlowitz & Co		
Ascendant	W. Gerdes	Brit. bk.	517	Sept. 28	R. S. Walker & Co		
August	W. Hooker	Siam. bk.	470	Sept. 14	Chinese	Singapore	
Caroline	W. Paulsen	N. Ger. sh.	268	October 16	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Catharina Jurgensen	W. Petersen	Brit. bk.	334	October 3	Landstein & Co	Nagasaki	
Chiefain	W. Blacklock	Brit. bk.	336	October 7	Carlowitz & Co	Poochow and Melbourne	
Chom Vo Lang	W. Minchaw	Chin. sh.	175	August 20	Chinese		
Conqueror	W. Robert	Siam. sh.	670	July 24	Chinese		
Doucalion	E. Turner	Brit. bk.	398	October 5	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Douglas	W. Morrison	Brit. bk.	540	Sept. 9	Bosman & Co	San Francisco	Early direct
Douglas	W. Hacking	Brit. bk.	830	October 11	A. Heard & Co	Melbourne	
Edgar Ross	E. Bender	N. Ger. bk.	275	October 15	Siemens & Co		
Esperanza	K. Onate	Span. sh.	1076	June 16	Chinese		
Exonion	W. Whitburn	Brit. bk.	360	October 17	Order		
Faithful	W. Hanesch	Brit. bk.	279	October 18	Siemens & Co		
Frederick	W. Armstrong	Brit. sh.	903	October 8	Morgan Lambert & Co		
Gesania	W. Ordeman	Dut. sch.	544	October 14	Wm. Pustat & Co	Shanghai	
Golia	W. Silva	Siam. bk.	542	August 19	Chinese		
Gravina	W. Barcelos	Span. bk.	246	October 16	Remedios & Co		
Hackmatao	W. Leatus	Brit. sch.	125	October 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co		
Indian	W. Struckman	Brit. bk.	360	October 19	Chinese		
Indian Warrior	W. Young	Siam. bk.	564	August 19	Chinese	Bangkok	
Isle of France	E. Sinclair	Brit. bk.	838	October 7	Carlowitz & Co		
Jalawar	E. Carruthers	Brit. bk.	716	October 21	Russell & Co	Iloilo	put back
Jane	W. Richardson	Brit. bk.	307	October 9	Thomas Howard		
Japan	W. Hoyer	N. Ger. bk.	216	October 22	Arnold Karberg & Co		
John Lidgett	W. O'Palson	Brit. sh.	770	Sept. 6	Gilman & Co	London	
Leon Fa	K. Collinson	Brit. bk.	286	October 10	Order		
Lutias	W. Leanshown	Brit. sh.	903	October 13	Borneo Company		
Luiza Canevaro	E. Demoro	Salv. sh.	1100	October 7	Wm. Pustat & Co		
Magi	W. O'Palson	Brit. bk.	220	October 16	E. Schellhaas & Co		
Martha	W. Hage	N. Ger. bk.	221	October 22	Melchers & Co		
Mary Mildred	W. Hage	Brit. sh.	465	October 8	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Malbourne and Sydney	
Maud Helen	W. Thomas	Amer. bk.	650	Sept. 4	A. Heard & Co		
Moonlight	W. Jurgensen	Siam. sh.	647	October 16	Chinese		
Nadesa	K. Forman	Russ. sh.	526	October 12	Landstein & Co		
Nina	K. Menquita	Port. sh.	1090	August 25	R. S. Walker & Co		
Nuevo Constante	W. Fabie	Span. bk.	203	October 4	Remedios & Co		
Ocean Bride	W. Milton	Brit. bk.	269	October 19	Captain		
Omba	W. O'Palson	Brit. sh.	836	October 3	John Burd & Co	Surinam	
Ophir	W. O'Palson	Brit. bk.	410	October 3	Arnold Karberg & Co	Europe Yokohama	
Oscar Vidal	W. Beus	N. Ger. bk.	262	Sept. 30	Siemens & Co		
Pantalon	K. Dattas	Dut. sh.	289	October 16	E. Schellhaas & Co		
President Harbitz	W. Ohe	Norw. bk.	258	October 12	Siemens & Co		
Prosperity	W. Vatrath	Siam. sh.	604	October 19	Chinese		
Sarah Anderson	W. Donough	Brit. bk.	689	October 23	Arnold Karberg & Co		
Savoir Faire	E. Harbord	Brit. sh.	1305	August 26	R. S. Walker & Co	U. Kingdom	Immediate
Schiller	N. Ger. sh.	1193	Sept. 11	A. Heard & Co	San Francisco	Early	
Schiller	W. Pringle	Brit. bk.	187	October 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Sea Ripple	W. Harding	Amer. bk.	468	October 10	Olyphant & Co	New York	
Sterling	W. Harding	Amer. bk.	468	October 10	Olyphant & Co		
Tales	K. Thomson	N. Ger. bk.	342	October 15	Wm. Pustat & Co		
Tamparis	W. Tannie	Feb. bk.	471	October 9	Frederic Degener		
Unkel Broesig	W. Schiebner	N. Ger. bk.	273	October 16	Melchers & Co		
Verona	W. Ballefen	Siam. sh.	565	August 20	Order		
Veritas	W. Ingram	Brit. sh.	632	October 7	Turner & Co	Surinam	
Walter	W. Wotherpoon	Siam. bk.	267	October 17	Chinese		

WHAMPOA.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Cotes	Carr	Brit. sh.	581	Sept. 24	Gibb, Livingston & Co	London	Immediate
Game Cuck	Sherburn	Amer. sh.	1119	October 17	Olyphant & Co	New York	Early
Golden Dragon	Hock	Brit. bk.	505	Sept. 29	Chinese		
Joshua Bates	Devlin	Brit. sh.	561	October 22	Kozario & Co.		
Kowloon				October 23			
Ma Hong*	Shannon	Gen. str.	45	Sept. 18	Wm. Pustau & Co		Immediate
Merida	Valtorite	N. Ger. bk.	250	Sept. 24	A. Heard & Co	New York	Early
Princes of Wales	Shiaki	Brit. bk.	353	October 4	A. Heard & Co	New York	Early
Randers	Vallinten	Dan. bk.	204	October 23	Bourau, Hubener & Co.	Europe	
Shafsbury	Aitken	Russ. str.	624	October 24	Landstein & Co		
Shunlee	Milibank	Brit. bk.	700	October 22	John Burd & Co	London	Early
Yedoo**	Ashton	Brit. str.	580	October 21	Douglas Laprak & Co	Shanghai, &c.	

* At Canton.
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